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1. NEWS THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY DDG FOBES WILL REMAIN
THROUGH NEXT GC IN 1976 AND THAT DG M'BOW WISHES FOBES
REMAIN IN PRESENT POSITION IS MOST ENCOURAGING. BELIEVE
IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU INFORM BOTH FOBES AND M'BOW IN-
FORMALLY THAT DEPT. WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME FOBES STAYING
ON UNTIL END OF 1976.

2. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS CANDIDATES FOR ADG POSTS IN
EDUCATION, SCIENCE, SHC, AND ADMINISTRATION IS SIGNIFICANTLY
AFFECTED BY A) OUR STRONG DESIRE TO RETAIN AN AMERICAN
AS DDG AND B) OUR ASSESSMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE
REALISTIC FOR US TO SEEK ADDITIONAL ADG POST IF WE
OCCUPY NUMBER 2 POSITION IN UNESCO SECRETARIAT. WOULD
APPRECIATE PERMDEL'S COMMENTS THIS POINT.

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3. RE OTHER ADG POSTS: OUR PRIMARY INTEREST CONTINUES TO BE THAT CANDIDATES CHOSEN BE THOSE WITH BEST POSSIBLE QUALIFICATIONS AND POTENTIAL, I.E. REFLECTING "HIGHEST

STANDARDS OF INTEGRITY, EFFICIENCY AND TECHNICAL COMPETENCE."

A) ADG EDUCATION: WE DO NOT LIKE IDEA OF A RUSSIAN IN THIS POST BECAUSE INCUMBENT WOULD INFLUENCE AND VIRTUALLY CONTROL MOST IMPORTANT OF UNESCO SECTOR PROGRAMS. WHO IS FRG CANDIDATE? IN ADDITION, THIS POST CAN BE ENVISAGED AS A SPRINGBOARD TO DIRECTOR-GENERALSHIP.

3. ADG SCIENCE: WHO IS CANADIAN PROPOSED? QUALIFICATIONS?

C) ADG SHC: WHO ARE FRENCH AND IRANIAN CANDIDATES? QUALIFICATIONS?

D) ADG ADMINISTRATION: WHAT ARE PERMDEL'S VIEWS ON RAU (INDIA)?

4) WE NOTE ALSO THAT EUROPEANS SEEM TO PREDOMINATE AMONG CANDIDATES FOR ABOVE POSTS. AGAIN PERMDEL'S VIEWS REQUESTED. ALTHOUGH WE WISH TO JUDGE CANDIDATES PRIMARILY ON BASIS OF QUALIFICATIONS, CAN WE NOT EXPECT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURES FOR MORE EQUITABLE REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF THESE TOP JOBS?

5) FINALLY, ON IMPORTANT QUESTION OF TIMING, WHEN WILL SECRETARIAT BE IN POSITION TO PROVIDE MEMBER STATES WITH CV'S OF CANDIDATES FOR ADG POSTS?

6) ON MAY 9 SUDANESE AMBASSADOR DENG CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR SUDANESE CANDIDATE FOR ADG FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND CULTURE. BUFFUM TOLD DENG WE HAD NO INFORMATION ON CANDIDACY OF SUDANESE. INGERSOLL

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